

Joint City/School Memorial Field Planning Committee

April 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Location: City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Time: 4:30 pm

Committee Members:

City Councilors:

- Nathan Fennessy, At-Large Councilor
- Jeff Foote, Ward Ten (Chair)

Board of Education:

- Jim Richards, Zone A
- Barbara Higgins (Absent)

Other Elected Officials present: Pamela Walsh, Board of Education President

City/School Staff present: Matt Cashman from Concord School District, David Gill from the City of Concord

The meeting was called to order at 4:34pm by Mr. Foote. Mr. Fennessy made a motion to accept the minutes from last meeting with one change. Terrill Park was spelled wrong in the draft minutes. Ms. Walsh seconded and approved 3 – 0.

Mr Foote asked Mr. Gill to for a review of the Master Plan Concept and phasing plans. Mr. Gill distributed a copy of the PowerPoint of project and reviewed the material. There was a robust conversation about the need to add additional parking to the site, the state land to the west of Memorial Field was discussed as possible location. If the state land could be used for additional parking would allow the proposed new large (all sports) artificial turf field to be built in the general area of the existing JV Football Field and Varsity Soccer/Lacrosse fields. In doing this the existing tennis courts can stay in current location. Mr. Gill indicated the state land to the west was not part of the funded Memorial Field Project.

There was general conversation about making sure the Memorial Field Project and new Rundlett Middle School project are not going on at the same time as there is not enough field capacity to handle closing the fields at same time. There was short conversation about the Terrill Park field project as it is fully designed and permitted.

Ms. Walsh made a motion to ask the City Manager to look into buying part of the state land to the west of the complex to increase parking for the Memorial Field Complex. Seconded by Mr. Fennessy, approved 3 – 0

Mr Fennessy made a motion to have Mr. Gill work with VHB to consider a new parking lot with access road from Clinton Street and moving the new proposed multipurpose field closer to new parking lot. Mr. Richards seconded, approved 3 – 0. Mr Gill indicated he will work with VHB and since this request was outside the original project scope we might need additional dollars for the work.

The committee set its next meeting for Tuesday, April 22 at 5:00 pm (location TBA).

The meeting was adjourned at 5: 35 pm, motion by Mr. Fennessy, seconded by Ms. Walsh, motion passed 3-0.

Minutes submitted by David Gill, City of Concord